

FATAL MISHAP TO WRIGHT AIRSHIP

Propeller Blade Snapped, Machine Was Overturned and Occupants Fell Out.

LIEUT. SELFREDGE KILLED

Never Recovered Consciousness after Striking Ground—Orville Wright Had Left Thigh and Several Ribs Fractured—Expected He Will Recover.

Washington, Sept. 22.—After having drawn the attention of the world to his aeroplane flights at Fort Myer and having established new world's records for heavier-than-air flying machines, Orville Wright today met with a tragical mishap, while making a two-man flight. The aeroplane was recovered by Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge, of the signal corps of the army. Lieut. Selfridge was fatally injured and died at 3:30 o'clock tonight. Mr. Wright was seriously injured, but is expected to recover.

While the machine was ascending the drift grounds a propeller blade snapped off and hitting some other part of the intricate mechanism, caused it to overturn in the air and fall to the ground, enveloping the occupants in the debris.

Soldiers and spectators ran across the field to where the machine had fallen and proceeded to lift Mr. Wright and Lieut. Selfridge from under the tangled mass of machinery, rods, wires and shreds of metal. Mr. Wright was conscious and said:

"Oh, hurry and lift the motor." Lieut. Selfridge was unconscious and had apparently struck the ground with great force. His head was covered with blood and he was choking when the soldiers extricated him from under the machine.

Dr. Watters, a New York physician, was one of the first to reach the spot and rendered first aid to the injured men. When their wounds had been bandaged Mr. Wright and Lieut. Selfridge were taken to the Fort Myer hospital at the other end of the field. Mr. Wright had lapsed into a state of semi-consciousness by the time he reached the hospital, while Lieut. Selfridge did not regain consciousness at all. He was suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull and was in a critical condition.

After a hurried surgical examination it was announced that Mr. Wright was not dangerously injured. He is suffering from a fracture of his left thigh and several ribs on the right side are fractured. Both men received deep cuts about the head. Mr. Wright regained consciousness at the hospital and dictated a cablegram to his brother at Le Mans, France, and requested that the same message be sent to his sister and father at Dayton, Ohio, assuring them that he was all right.

SELFREDGE GLAD TO MAKE TRIP.

Mr. Wright announced several days ago that he would take Lieut. Selfridge, who is secretary of the Aerial Experiment Association and an accomplished pilot, in his next flight. This young officer was delighted to have an opportunity to fly in the aeroplane. He was to leave Saturday for St. Joseph, Mo., where he was to assist Lieut. Foulis in operating the Baldwin airplane.

After Mr. Wright told Lieut. Selfridge to get in the machine Lieut. Selfridge took off his coat and hat and took his place in the extra seat next to that occupied by Mr. Wright. The latter started the motor by means of a storage battery his assistants, Taylor and Purman, turning the propellers to get them going. At 5:14 the aeroplane was released and it was noticed that it did not rise as quickly from the ground as on previous two-man flights. Lieut. Selfridge weighed about 175 pounds, making the weight greater than the machine had ever carried before.

MACHINE DID NOT ACT WELL.

After gliding over the ground on its runners for 20 feet the machine rose gradually and had gained a height of 40 feet when it passed over the starting apparatus for the first time. There was a six mile wind and it was noticed that the machine did not run as smoothly as on its former flights, inasmuch as it was made in rainy weather. The aeroplane, however, apparently had control of the aerial three which rose to a height of 75 feet as it completed the second round of the field. This height was maintained on the third round.

While the machine was turning at the southern end of the field, several thousand feet from the spectators, one shouted: "What is that?" "Something fell." Immediately all eyes were on the aeroplane and it was seen to turn over on its left side and pause a moment, made a complete turn and then came swooping to the earth in a cloud of dust. No effort on the part of the aviator could possibly have averted the accident. Planes and rudders were absolutely incapable of righting the machine when it had turned in that manner.

Spectators, soldiers, officers and newspaper men ran across the field to the tangled mass.

REMOVAL OF THE VICTIMS.

Mounted soldiers formed a cordon around the wreckage while others frantically endeavored to lift the heavy mass of machinery and wood that enveloped Wright and Selfridge to the ground. Lieut. Selfridge's face was covered with blood and he was groaning and choking from the internal hemorrhage. Wright lay by his side, his face as pale as the mass of white muslin overhead. He was conscious and asked that the machine be lifted off his leg. As soon as the men could be extricated they were taken to one side and physicians from

the crowd of spectators went to their aid. Their wounds were bandaged and as soon as possible they were carried to the post hospital across the field.

FRACTURE AT BASE OF SKULL.
After a surgical examination it was announced at the hospital that Lieut. Selfridge was in a serious condition having suffered a fracture at the base of the skull. It was said then that Mr. Wright was not severely injured.

At 7:40 o'clock Major Crosby, Major McCaw, Major Ireland and Captain Bailey, the army surgeons attending the injured men, gave out the following statement:

"Mr. Wright has fractures of the left thigh and several ribs on the right side. He was much shocked but has reacted well. Lieut. Selfridge received a fracture of the base of the skull. His condition is extremely critical."

Mr. Wright's leg was set by Dr. L. L. Watters of New York and Surgeon Bailey of the army. They also set two ribs.

Both of the injured men sustained severe scalp wounds in addition to their other injuries. The surgeons took Lieut. Selfridge to the operating room and removed the part of the broken skull over the left eye which was causing convulsions.

DIED AT 3:30 LAST NIGHT.
At ten minutes after eight o'clock Lieut. Selfridge died. He had not regained consciousness. He was expecting his mother who lives in San Francisco to arrive in Washington this morning. He is a nephew of Admiral Selfridge and has a brother who is an officer in the navy. Glenn H. Selfridge of the Aerial Experiment Association called up by long distance telephone as soon as he heard of the accident. He notified Lieut. Selfridge's family in San Francisco.

PROPELLERS WERE NEW.

Mr. Wright yesterday replaced the propellers which he has been using with another pair. The blades of which are six inches longer. They were used for the first time in today's disastrous flight and many who have witnessed Mr. Wright's flights at Fort Myer believe the change of propellers caused the accident. An examination of the broken blade showed that it had been snapped off at a point one-fourth of the distance from the hub. A deep indentation of the broken piece indicated that it had struck some other part of the aeroplane.

Charles Charnie, the father of aeronautics in America, who came to Washington several days ago for the purpose of seeing Orville Wright's flights, examined the wreckage. He said that if the Wrights had used one propeller instead of two the result would have been at least as serious. Only this morning Mr. Wright had been asked what the reason was if one of his propellers broke while the machine was in flight. "The other propeller would tend to turn the machine around," he said "but I would stop the motor and glide to the earth."

WANTS TO KNOW THE CAUSE.
At the hospital Mr. Wright's remarks to those about him indicated that the shock which the news of the accident would cause his family was his chief concern. He was evidently also endeavoring to determine the cause of the accident.

While the surgeons were at work setting Mr. Wright's leg, he asked an attendant to carry a record to his assistant, Mr. Taylor, to ask him to examine the wrecked machine to ascertain if there was anything wrong with the transmission. Mr. Taylor after examining the wreck, stated that he did not think there was anything wrong with the transmission.

WILL NOT ABANDON THE FLIGHTS.

Among the eye witnesses was Mr. Charles R. Flint, of New York, international representative of the Wright brothers. Mr. Flint came over from New York today to see the flight, and was accompanied to Fort Myer by Admiral and Mrs. Benson. Mr. Flint said to-night that the mishap would not cause the Fort Myer flights to be abandoned. They will be resumed, he said, as soon as Mr. Wright has recovered and the machine repaired. Officers of the signal corps and other enthusiasts at Fort Myer were inclined to express the belief that today's accident was not due to a faulty principle but to a defect in the propeller, which was made, of course, one of the members of the signal corps who had been conducting the Fort Myer tests said.

"Of course, this is no time to discuss such matters, but the resumption of the aeroplane trial will depend on the length of time which it will take Mr. Wright to recover from his injuries. This accident will of course seriously hamper the possibility of securing appropriations from Congress for the aeronautical work of the signal corps. The Wright brothers, however, have even more advanced ideas in regard to aerial flight, and if they continue their work it is very probable that the effect of this one accident will be overcome."

FOUL PLAY SUGGESTED.

The belief was expressed by a sergeant of the signal corps that the aeroplane had been tampered with previous to its flight, but this is improbable because the machine had been closely guarded while at the fort. It was housed in a specially constructed shed and a guard post strangers away both day and night. The suggestion of foul play is discredited by all those acquainted with the methods of safeguarding the machine.

WAS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER AERONAUTICS.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge was one of the most enthusiastic believers in aeronautics among the officers in the military service, and through his own efforts succeeded in securing a detail with the aeronautical division of the signal corps. He was born in San Francisco 25 years ago and was appointed to the military academy at West Point from that State.

BARRE TEAM WON.

Defeated Montpelier Golf Club 32½ to 24½ in Uninteresting Contest.

Montpelier, Sept. 20.—The Montpelier club team were defeated by the Barre team on the Barre links by a score of 32½ to 24½ Saturday afternoon. The game was as it appears from the score uninteresting. The score:

MONTPELIER	BARRE
Field	Dave
Bailey	Hutchinson
Putnam	Daniels
Leslie	James Reid
C. F. Lowe	Miller
C. E. Lowe	Dakarno
Hickman	John Reid
Hibbs	Fraser
Kemp	Smith
Cutler	Mackay
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CAN WADE AROUND DOCK.

Power Boat Parties Lose Their Course at St. Albans Bay.

St. Albans, Sept. 23.—The water in Lake Champlain is the lowest that it has ever been in the memory of some of the oldest inhabitants of St. Albans Bay. Almost all of the boathouses are high and dry and the water is so low that it is possible for one to wade around the street railway dock.

The low water, together with the thick pall of smoke that is covering the lake, makes navigation a dangerous proposition. Several motor boat parties have lost their course and have had hard work making the dock.

VT. W. C. T. U. 25TH ANNUAL.

Newport, Sept. 18.—The 25th annual convention of the Vermont Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Congregational Church October 6 to 8. A meeting of the State executive committee will be held on the

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\$40.00 Solid Oak Boards...\$28.98			
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\$22.50 Oak Chinas...\$17.48	\$10.00 Cabinets...\$7.48		
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TWO HUNTING VICTIMS.

One shot by Brother in Mistake for Deer—Both in Serious Condition.

The Ogdenburg Journal says: Two young men desperately wounded, the first victims of the deer hunting season, were brought here yesterday and taken to city hospital. One has a bullet in his chest and the other's hip was partially torn off by a rifle shot by his brother who mistook him for a deer.

The Rev. Olin B. Colt, now of New York, formerly presiding elder of this district, with headquarters at Potsdam, and his three sons, Carl S. Lawrence and Lynn were in camp at Long Bow near Jo Injun, and Wednesday the opening day of the deer season, the brothers started out together. They soon separated and some time later the younger brother fired at what he took to be a deer, and struck Carl in the hip. The latter was stooping at the time and the bullet splintered his hip, making a fearful wound. Dr. Colt and his two other sons at once started out of camp carrying the wounded man on a litter over their shoulders. It was twenty-nine miles to the nearest railroad station and the long journey was made by foot and by wagon. Word was sent on to the hospital to make ready for the patient and the physicians were on hand to receive him when the noon train arrived yesterday. The young man's father stated last night that his condition was satisfactory and that he had high hopes of his recovery. The bullet was found in the back of the thigh and extracted. The young man will be crippled as a result of the injury. His other brother, Olin, and his mother are expected to arrive here to-day.

"The other unfortunate was Russell Aldrich, of Carthage, who was accidentally shot by his own gun while hunting deer. The particulars of this mishap are not known here. The bullet, which entered his chest, has not been located and his condition is regarded as serious."

IN DOUBT.

"Is your son-in-law, the duke, a good conversationalist?"

"Well," answered Mr. Cunrox, "he's willing enough. But my foreign vocabulary is limited. I can never feel sure whether he is talking about his pedigree or thinking up a menu for dinner."—Washington Star.

BIG FIRES IN ADIRONDACKS.

Paper Companies Have Had Hundreds of Acres Burned Over.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Disastrous forest fires are spreading rapidly on the foothills of the Adirondacks to-night despite the efforts of a large force of fire fighters. The biggest fire is raging between Stony Creek in Warren county and Hadley in Saratoga county, covering an area three miles long and one mile wide. The blaze started some days ago but did not assume dangerous proportions until yesterday.

Many fires are burning in the northern part of Warren county. Hundreds of acres of timberland owned by paper companies have been burned over. The mountain slopes in this section are covered with valuable timber tracts, some of which have never known the lumberman's axe, and the loss will be heavy.